



News Release

Return to Stage 2 Water Conservation Regulations

Sechelt, BC —August 27, 2019—Effective immediately, and until further notice, the Sunshine Coast Regional District (SCRD) has declared a return to Stage 2 water conservation regulations for all SCR D water users south of Pender Harbour. All those on the Pender Harbour water system remain at Stage 1 until further notice.

Thanks to community diligence in conserving water and the several rain events since early July, Edwards and Chapman lake levels are now suitable to support Stage 2 water conservation regulations.

The long-range forecast calls for a continuation of the current summer temperatures through at least the second half of September. Despite this expected continuation of the current summer weather, it is not anticipated that a return to Stage 3 water conservation regulations would be required this year if the current water conservation efforts by the community continues. Thank you for adhering to Stage 2 Water Conservation Regulations.

Staff will continue to monitor and respond to unforeseen changes in the supply and demand situation and will revise the water conservation regulations stage accordingly.

The following regulations apply at Stage 2:

LAWNS:

Lawn watering is **not permitted**.

TREES, SHRUBS OR FLOWERS:

- Sprinklers or soaker hoses can be used two days per week on Thursday and Sunday for even numbered addresses from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and on Wednesday and Saturday for odd numbered addresses from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.
- Hand held hoses with spray trigger nozzles, hand held containers or micro/drip-irrigation can be used anytime.

FOOD PRODUCING PLANTS AND TREES:

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COMMERCIAL FOOD PRODUCING FARMS:

- Commercial food producing farms paying a metered rate for water are exempt from Stage 2 regulations.

WASHING VEHICLES OR BOATS:

- Permitted with container, hand-held hose with spray trigger nozzles, or commercial car washes.

WASHING SIDEWALKS AND DRIVEWAYS, WINDOWS OR EXTERIOR BUILDING SURFACES:

- Permitted only for preparing surfaces for painting or paving and for health and safety.

Filling swimming pools, spas, garden ponds, or fountains is permitted.

SCRD staff will continue to patrol neighbourhoods on a regular basis to enforce regulations and to deliver educational materials. Complaints are also investigated.

Help conserve your drinking water supply by following these regulations. For more information, contact the SCRd at 604-885-6806 or the Town of Gibsons 604-886-2274. Visit www.scrd.ca/Sprinkling-Regulations for more details.

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